works. Out of total allocation of Rs. 105.385 lakhs from State's Margin Money and advance plan assistance during 1984-85 and 1985-86 an expenditure of Rs. 93.12 lakhs has been registered by 31-1-86. Besides extensive labour intensive works have been undertaken utilising Rs. 78.68 lakhs under NREP during 1985-86 upto 31-1-1986. Similarly Rs. 52.80 lakhs has been spent during 1985-86 under RLEGP upto 31-1-1986 for the purpose. Emergency feeding programme was undertaken for 25400 beneficiaries till 21-10-1985 over and above normal feeding programme and Rs. 7.25 lakhs has been utilised on this account. An amount of Rs. 37 lakhs was utilised till 31-1-1986 for installation of tube wells out of a total allotment of Rs. 43 lakhs from the Margin Money and APA. Rs. 7.81 lakhs was allotted during 1985-86 to provide inputs at subsidised rate to cultivators out of which Rs. 7.34 lakhs was spent till 31-1-1986. Rice is being provided to the people at controlled rate in 843 fair price shops functioning in the district under Public Dstribution System.

(b) The operation of the Commission of enquiry has since been stayed by Hon'ble Supreme Court till date of hearing on 9th April, 1986.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Reclamation of land on the banks of River Yamuna in Delhi

1303. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether technical experts have opposed the plan for reclamation of land on the banks of river Yamuna in Delhi and construction of houses thereon; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No specific proposal for reclamation of land along the banks of river Yamuna in Delhi and construction of houses thereon has been received by the Central Water Commission. However, the Delhi Development Authority is contemplating to prepare a scheme for channelising the river and reclaiming land on its banks for various developmental activities. The proposal was examined by the Expert Group set up by the Delhi Urban Arts Commission to prepare the conceptual framework for the Perspective Development Plan for Delhi-2001 and their report is still awaited. In the meantime, at a Workshop sponsored by the Central Water Commission in January 1986, the consensus was that the proposal would disturb the river regime, tend to raise the water levels and increase the velocities, thereby exposing the reclaimed area to greater flood hazard in case of a breach/failure of the forward embankments and endangering the safety of life and property of two to three million people. This aspect was also highlighted in a meeting taken by the Minister of Water Resources in February 1986 where Lt. Governor, Delhi, was present.

Implementing of the Poverty Eradication Programmes in Orissa and Bihar

1304. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister of Agriculture has said while attending the birthday celebration of Shri Kartik Oraen near Ranchi in January, 1986 that the achievements under poverty eradication programme made by the State Governments of Orissa and Bihar are not satisfactory; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures are being taken by Government to direct the Orissa Government to implement the poverty eradication programme effectively?